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The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

1. Claims 1-9 and 16-19 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-9 and 16-19 are allowable over the prior art of record.
3. A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available.

Ex parte prosecution was previously suspended and remains SUSPENDED.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delia M. Ramirez whose telephone number is (703) 306-0288. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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